FARMS AND FARMLAND UTILIZATION



The number of farms in New York (places selling \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in a year) totaled 36,300 in 2010, 300 fewer than in 2009. Land in farms totaled 7.00 million acres. Farmland accounts for 23 percent of the State's total land area.

Total cropland stands at 4.21 million acres and accounts for 60 percent of total land operated. Harvested cropland at 3.66 million acres represents 52 percent of total land operated. Field crops such as corn, hay, haylage and greenchop, small grains, potatoes, soybeans and other field crops account for 93.7 percent of the total cropland harvested. Vegetable crops make up 3.9 percent and fruit crops 2.4 percent.

Estimates of farmland utilization are shown in table 2 below. The estimates are based on annual surveys with over 9,000 farms reporting each year.

Table 2. FARMS AND FARMLAND: Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Land Use, New York, 2001-2010

Item	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of farms	37,500	37,000	37,000	36,000	35,600	35,000	36,400	36,600	36,600	36,300
Acres per farm	204	207	205	208	206	208	198	194	194	193
	(Thousand Acres)									
Land in farms	7,660	7,660	7,590	7,490	7,350	7,270	7,200	7,100	7,100	7,000
Cropland, Total	4,910	4,910	4,820	4,700	4,540	4,435	4,340	4,240	4,230	4,210
Cropland harvested, Total	3,740	3,730	3,710	3,690	3,640	3,605	3,675	3,610	3,645	3,655
Field crops harvested	3,478	3,480	3,462	3,455	3,410	3,374	3,418	3,366	3,413	3,423
Vegetable crops										
harvested	166	155	153	141	137	138	165	154	142	143
Fruit crops harvested	96	95	95	94	93	93	92	90	90	89
Cropland Pasture	630	630	600	550	480	430	280	260	240	220
Other Cropland	540	550	510	460	420	400	385	370	345	335
Permanent Pasture 1/2	630	630	650	660	680	700	715	715	690	680
Woodland ^{2/}	1,520	1,520	1,530	1,540	1,540	1,550	1,560	1,560	1,570	1,560
Other Land 3/	600	600	590	590	590	585	585	585	560	550

^{1/} Excludes cropland and woodland pasture.

^{2/} Includes woodland pasture.
3/ Includes house lots, ponds, roads, waste, etc.